

Remarks

As a preliminary matter, Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 23, 24 and 26-28 would be allowable is re-written into independent form. To expedite prosecution of the application, the Applicants are pursuing the allowable claims. The features of 28 were added to independent claim 17, and claim 28 was cancelled. Moreover, the features of claims 17 and 26 were re-written as new claim 87. Dependent claims 18-20, 25, 27 and 30 were re-written as dependent claims 88-93.

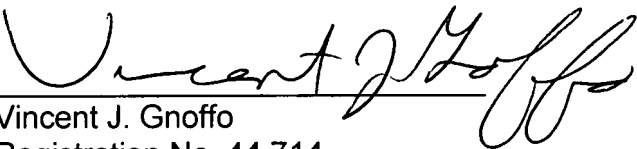
Claims 17-22, 25, 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chandler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,439,461) in view of Semon (U.S. Patent No. 4,697,316).

Claim 17 was amended to include the features of allowable claim 28. The other claims depend from claim 17 as amended. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Allowable claim 26 was re-written as new claim 87. Therefore, Applicants request that new claim 87 also be allowed. Claims 88-93 depend from claim 87, and therefore should be allowed for at least this reason.

Applicants believe that the application is in a condition for allowance. If Applicants may assist in expediting examination of the instant application in any way, Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

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